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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS NEW AGENDA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA IN THE 1990s

Letter dated 10 July 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to refer to the report of the recent organizational session of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Mid-term Review of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (A/AC.251/3).

At its organizational session, which I chaired at your request, the Ad Hoc Committee decided, inter alia, to conduct the mid-term review starting from 16 September 1996. As the fifty-first session of the General Assembly will be opened on 17 September 1996, the organizational session decided to recommend to the Assembly at its fiftieth session that the Ad Hoc Committee meet during the fifty-first session of the Assembly and, for that purpose, to recommend that the mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee for the period set out in paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 50/160 of 22 December 1995 be extended for the conduct of the mid-term review.

In view of the foregoing I should like to request that the discussion of agenda item 24 of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly, entitled "Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s", be reopened. I have the honour to submit hereby the text of a draft resolution, which I suggest to be considered under this item.

I would appreciate it if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 8 and 24.

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ANNEX

Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

Belgium: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 50/160 of 22 December 1995, by which an Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly was established as the most appropriate mechanism to prepare the mid-term review in 1996 of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, and by which it was decided that the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole should meet for a period of up to seven working days in September 1996, prior to the fifty-first session of the General Assembly, to prepare the mid-term review on the basis of a report to be prepared by the Secretary-General,

Recalling also the decision of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole, at its organizational session on 20 June 1996, to conduct the mid-term review starting from 16 September 1996 and, to that avail, to recommend to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session that the Ad Hoc Committee meet during the fifty-first session of the Assembly,

Decides to authorize the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole to meet during the fifty-first session of the General Assembly and, for that purpose, to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole through the fifty-first session of the General Assembly.